

Messenger

The news has reached us
that
Kumarsen is coming in a
closed
carriage to surrender himself.

[Goes out.]

Chandrasen

Incredible ! The lion comes
to beg
his chains ! Is life so precious
?

Vikram

But why does he come in a
closed
carriage ?

Chandrasen

How can he show himself ?
The
eyes of the crowd in the
streets will
pierce him, like arrows, to the
quick.
King, put out the lamp,
when he
comes, receive him in
darkness. Do
not let him suffer the msult
of the
light.

(Enters DEVADATTA.)